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February 20, 1968

Mrs. Frank T. Higgins
189-04 64th Avenue
Flushing, New York 11300

Dear Mrs. Higgins:

Enclosed is a copy of the report I received in response to my inquiry in your behalf.

I was pleased to request this information for you, and hope that it is helpful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

FEBRUARY 6, 1968

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I have received your inquiry of January 31, on behalf of Mrs. Anne D. Higgins. Mrs. Higgins inquired whether the United States withdrew its missiles from Turkey in exchange for the Soviet Union's agreeing not to ship war materials to Cuba.

The United States did not make any agreement with the Soviet Union regarding the dismantling of Jupiter missile installations in Turkey at the time of the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962. The decision to deactivate missiles in Turkey and Italy, which also had Jupiter bases, was a part of the United States policy of increasing NATO's power by introducing modern weapons technology wherever it will be most effective militarily. In line with this policy, agreement was reached with the Governments of Turkey and Italy to deploy the Polaris submarine in the Mediterranean and to deactivate the Jupiter missiles located in those two countries. In recognition of the obsolescent nature of the Jupiter missile, the United States had initiated talks with the Government of Turkey on this matter in 1961.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in replying to Mrs. Higgins.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Macomber".

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned